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Sen. Laura Toy's bill to help Livonia business passed by Senate

LANSING – The Michigan Senate passed legislation Thursday that would aid a local machining business, said state Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District, sponsor of the bill.

“We are committed to moving Michigan’s economy forward,” Sen. Toy said. “I am willing to look at anything that will help our local businesses thrive and survive.”

Senate Bill 1284 would allow Majeske Machining of Livonia to take advantage of an industrial tax credit program.

“We believed when we moved to this location that we were already within an industrial development district,” said Jerry Majeske, an owner of Majeske Machining. “This turned out not to be the case, but by the time this was discovered we had already begun construction.”

Majeske decided to move his business, located at 34410 Rosati, from Plymouth Township to Livonia last year. He hoped to take advantage of a special tax program for industrial facilities at the new location.

“We really appreciate Senator Toy’s assistance and hard work on this,” Majeske said. “Without someone like Laura Toy in Lansing to help us, this wouldn’t be happening.”

Majeske has already added one job since moving his operation to Livonia. He hopes to add another job or purchase an additional piece of machinery if Sen. Toy’s bill becomes law.

“I will continue to work hard to see this legislation signed into law,” said Sen. Toy, who has already seen five of her bills become law this year. “I am honored that the people of the Sixth District chose me to represent them in the Senate. They put me here to do a job, and I take that responsibility very seriously.”

SB 1284 now moves to the Michigan House of Representatives.

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Editor’s note: A photo of Sen. Toy and Jerry Majeske testifying on Senate Bill 1284 in front of the Senate Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee is available for download on the Senate Majority Photowire at:

<http://senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Toy/Toy.htm>